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## ST. CLAIR'S GOLD MEDAL MAN ~ DEREK DROUIN ~



By Bonnie Stevenson

It's been a month since Gold medal Olympian Derek Drouin received a red-hot hometown hero's welcome from the estimated 15,000 fans that watched his motorcade pass by on Lyndoch Street. Many of them had been glued to their televisions and computer screens during the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio as Drouin flawlessly executed a series of high jumps that culminated in an unmatched 2.38 metre gold medal-winning performance.

One of Drouin's young fans was quite definite about the high jumper's status in his field. "I think he's the best high jumper I've ever seen," said 10-year-old Riley. Her dad, Tim Heath of Corunna, acknowledged the level of achievement it took to capture the gold medal. "It's amazing just to go to the Olympics but to win gold is really special," he said.

Now that Derek Drouin has demonstrated what is possible with hard work and commitment, his message is getting through to the youth of St. Clair Township. Ten-year-old Rachel O'Donnell says Drouin's gold medal win makes her feel like she can do it, too. "I would like to be in the Olympics...maybe track and field or swimming," she said. Her aunt, Diana Lavers of Corunna, believes Drouin is a perfect role model for future local athletes. "I think he's amazing," she said. "He's really good for the kids. He shows them what can be done with hard work."

During the ceremony, held on the patio at Antonio's Pizza, Mayor Steve Arnold presented Derek Drouin with an engraved crystal memento to commemorate his achievement and the pride he has inspired in his community. "We're very proud of Derek and what he's done," said Mayor Arnold. "He's a role model for our community and an inspiration for every one of us. I'm also proud of this community for being here today and supporting our home town hero." Also on hand for the ceremony were MP Marilyn Gladu and MPP Bob Bailey, who praised Drouin for his commitment to his sport and to his stellar achievement.



Derek Drouin, on stage at Antonio's, shares a light-hearted moment with the crowd.

Photo by Bonnie Stevenson

See Corunna celebrates, page 6



## 166TH BRIGDEN FALL FAIR

Inside this issue of *The Beacon* is the information you're going to need to take in the fabulous 166th edition of the Brigden Fall Fair, brought to you by the Moore Agricultural Society and all of the dedicated men and women who raise the crops, tend the livestock, and perpetuate the skills that helped to feed us all. See Fair Weekend Schedule on page 10.





## MUNICIPAL NOTES

A public meeting to discuss the future of a medical marihuana grow op that had been established in the former Murray Street School attracted about 20 concerned residents and many more written objections to the facility.

The meeting was set to consider a temporary rezoning request from Ontario Inc. 2199178 to allow the grow op to operate with the intention of supplying two people from Sarnia with a supply of marihuana for medical purposes. When questioned, the applicant's planning consultant, Dave Hannaman, admitted the marihuana had already been planted in a section of the old school which houses the former gymnasium, change rooms, and foyer without the benefit of rezoning but that the grower was licensed.

Mayor Arnold clarified that the grow op had not been invited by council to set up in the building and council pointed out that the temporary rezoning request should have preceded any action taken at the facility. Further, municipal planner Barry Uitvlugt remarked that, after reviewing the nature of the operation and the current zoning applicable to the subject building, the grow op did not qualify as a "compatible use" for the building. In his report to council, he noted, "The medical marihuana facility or the application's "existing use" is not compliant with the zoning, site plan agreement, fire and building code, and would

## Medical marihuana grow op told "No thanks"

place conflict within the intended use of the building...would not be appropriate in a residential area."

Mr. Hannam assured council that the temporary use of the building was a way of using the "underutilized" building until the property owner decides what will ultimately be done with the property and the temporary use designation would not be carried on past the requested three-year term without review. He said the intention of the grower was to harvest a crop and replant every six months, and that there would be no regular traffic to the building aside from the grower checking his plants and the clients picking up their supply.

Comments from the residents in attendance revealed that an unpleasant "skunk smell" had been emanating from the facility, spoiling backyard activities for many of them. Complaints were also heard regarding the state of the former school yard, which is currently overgrown with tall weeds which were said to be harbouring deer ticks, the carriers of Lyme disease.

John Flesher, a retired OPP officer and long-time resident of Corunna, remarked that the only trouble that had ever occurred in his neigh-

See Grow op, page 4



## HYDRANT FLUSHING

St. Clair Township  
Residents

Public Works will be undertaking the annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township water distribution system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until this fall. During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some water discolouration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry, etc. as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discolouration disappears. If discolouration of the water continues after 10-15 minutes of normal use please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

St. Clair Township Council meets every first and third Mondays of the month (with exceptions to accommodate holidays). The next meetings will be held on Monday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday, Oct. 17 at 5 p.m. following the Committee of the Whole meeting at 3 p.m. The first November meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021 for further information.

*Wishing former councillor  
Shirley Warner good health  
and happiness in retirement.*

*St. Clair Township & The Beacon*



## SEWER MAIN FLUSHING

St. Clair Township Residents

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township sewer system during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until this fall. During this maintenance procedure you may notice some gurgling noises in drains. If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify *Public Works @ 519-867-2993*.



## Notice to property owners to destroy weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$80.)

The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Eric Bezanson  
Weed Inspector

J. Baranek  
Clerk



# ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

## 2016 FINAL PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE

The final tax due date will be **October 5, 2016**  
The 2016 *Final Tax Notices* for non-capped properties  
were mailed out at the beginning of July, 2016.  
Most chartered banks and financial institutions will accept  
payment of your current taxes on or before the due date.

***Any bank charges will be the responsibility  
of the ratepayer.***

Tax payments by cheque can be mailed to the  
return address provided on the tax notice.

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The following methods of Tax Payments may be  
utilized:

- ◆ Automatic Bank Machines
- ◆ Telephone & Internet Payments through Bank
- ◆ Payment at most Financial Institutions
- ◆ Post dated cheques
- ◆ Counter services, cash, cheque or debit (credit cards  
not accepted)

Mail to, or Drop Box, at:

1155 Emily St., Mooretown, Ontario N0N 1M0

Pre-authorized payment plans are also available and en-  
couraged. Please visit our website at:

<http://stclairtownship.ca/>

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St. Clair Township Tax Department

Phone: 519-867-2024 Fax: 519-867-5509

[taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca)



## St. Clair Township Crossing guards

The Township of St. Clair requires a crossing  
guard(s) to assist school children crossing streets  
in Corunna. The work involves one hour in the  
morning and one hour in the afternoon on school  
days. The current compensation is \$28.95 per  
day.

The Township of St. Clair also requires fill-in  
crossing guard(s) to assist children crossing at  
various locations in Corunna. The work involves  
one hour in the morning and one hour after  
school in the afternoon. The current compensa-  
tion is \$28.95 per day. The position will be on a  
“call in” basis and hours will vary widely de-  
pending on the need.

Applications setting out qualifications and  
experience will be received by the undersigned.

Gary DePooter, CET  
Co-ordinator of Operations  
Phone (519)867-2125  
Fax (519)867-3886

St. Clair Civic Centre  
1155 Emily Street  
Mooretown, Ontario

*No matter where you go this  
winter, you can  
take The Beacon with you.*  
Visit the St. Clair Township website:  
[www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)  
Click The Beacon on black bar at top  
of the Home page

## Water Service Line Warranty Protection

The Township of St. Clair Council has approved Service Line Warranties of Canada Inc. (SLWC) to offer the National Service Line Warranty Program to homeowners located in this municipality. The Warranty Program offers **voluntary** warranty protection at an affordable price for water lines in the event of a failure. This new optional warranty service will begin in the fall of 2016. Homeowners will receive a letter/card in the mail from SLWC. The SLWC Warranty Program offers protection against normal wear and tear, which is not covered under most traditional homeowners policies. If lines break, leak or clog - SLWC will repair the line using local, licensed contractors who are familiar with local code and can ensure a timely response. This program provides up to \$5,000 in coverage per incident. Additionally, the program has no annual or lifetime limits, service fees or deductibles - just protection when you need it most. SLWC provides first-class customer service with a 24/7 repair line and the use of licensed and thoroughly researched local contractors - keeping dollars in the local economy.

## Student immunizations must be reported to Lambton Public Health

Lambton Public Health (LPH) reminds parents to report their child's immunizations through LPH's "Call the Shots...and avoid school suspension program". To report immunizations, here are the ways you can contact LPH: online at [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca); email to [immunization@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:immunization@county-lambton.on.ca); call 519-383-8331, et. 3589/ 1-800-667-1839; or drop off to 160 Exmouth Street, Point Edward (intersection of Front and Exmouth Streets).

## TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

### FALL YARD WASTE/BRUSH COLLECTION 2016

The Township of St. Clair offers a yard waste/brush collection program for defined areas, in order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to the landfill site.

“Yard Waste” is collected separately from regular waste, on a weekly basis, in urbanized areas of the Township (collection begins at 7:00 AM). Yard waste from the balance of the Township is collected with the regular waste collection.

### COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

Collection will be on Wednesday or Friday, each week, depending on the service area.

- Wednesday:**
- Corunna (including Froomfield area)
  - St. Clair Parkway (North of Emily St., Mooretown)
- Friday:**
- Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Port Lambton
  - Sombra Village, Wilkesport, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens
  - St. Clair Parkway (South of Emily St., Mooretown)

Fall yard waste collection will begin Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and will continue until Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### WHAT IS YARD WASTE?

Yard waste includes the following: grass, leaves, garden plants, hedge trimmings, and twigs, (generally plants with stems smaller than a lead pencil). Kitchen waste, earth, stones, tree stumps, logs, body wood, large brush, and whole shrubs with root ball attached are not permitted. (Brush Collection see below)

Yard waste placed at the roadside for collection must be bagged in **clear or transparent plastic bags, paper bags, or open containers clearly marked with an “X” on both sides** and must be free of all non-compostable material such as **plastic, glass, metal, or other debris**. Open containers DOES NOT INCLUDE: blue boxes or cardboard boxes.

Containers must not exceed 23kg / 50lb.

Yard waste placed in regular garbage bags will not be collected.

### BRUSH COLLECTION:

Small **Brush Bundles** will also be collected on **October 28<sup>th</sup>** with the following guidelines: 4’ maximum length, 1” maximum diameter, cut ends all in one direction, neat piles (not tangled) and tied & placed at curb. Loose sticks and twigs too small for bundling can be placed in **open containers clearly marked with an “X” on both sides**. **NO BAGS**

## Grow op rezoning denied

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bourhood had been drug-related. He said the facility's outside lights had not been functioning and that only two were currently lit at night.

The possibility of break-ins at the facility was raised by Councillor Agar when Mr. Hannam said there would be no money kept on the premises and that security measures were in place. “There is money in that building - marihuana is money,” said Councillor Agar. He added that the cost of securing the building would ultimately fall on the township in the form of police response costs every time they attended the building for an alarm.

A motion to deny the temporary rezoning of the facility was carried, at which time Mayor Arnold remarked, “In order to have a license (to grow medical marihuana), you have to have a by-law in place. This was a fraudulent attempt (to get the facility rezoned).”

A second motion by Deputy Mayor Gilliland required that the operation cease immediately and that the plants be removed from the facility. The motion was carried.

Further, the property standards complaints registered by neighbours of the facility will be investigated.

## United Way Sarnia-Lambton on the way to goal

The \$2 million goal set for the 2016 United Way of Sarnia-Lambton campaign is already a third of the way to being realized.

Campaign Chair Richard Kelch says over \$720,000 is already raised with many employee campaigns still to begin. Employees from many local businesses and industries, including NOVA Chemicals, Pembina and Enbridge, are all planning in-house campaigns and events to contribute to the fundraising effort.

The campaign will run until Dec. 31.

Agencies that benefit from donations made to the campaign include; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sarnia-Lambton; Boys & Girls Club of Sarnia-Lambton; Canadian Mental Health Association; Canadian Red Cross Society-Sarnia-Lambton branch; CNIB; Community Living Sarnia & District; Family Counselling Centre; Lambton Elderly Outreach; Lambton Seniors Association; Learning Disabilities Association of Lambton County; March of Dimes; MS Society of Canada-Sarnia-Lambton Chapter; North Lambton Community Health Centre; Salvation Army; Sarnia-Lambton Rebound; St. Clair Child and Youth Services; VON; YMCA Youth Resource Houses and Autism Summer Camp; New Beginnings, ABI and Stroke Recovery Association; and Financial Fitness.

**Contact St. Clair Township Public Works at 519-867-2125  
or go online to: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)**



## CF Industries golf tournament fundraiser benefits emergency services

CF Industries recently sponsored a golf tournament to raise funds for St. Clair Township Emergency Services. The \$6,500 the company donated will be used for the purchase of additional equipment to better protect and educate, and serve the citizens of St. Clair Township. The donation ceremony included, right; Fire Chief Walt Anderson, CF Plant Manager Amanda Pascavage, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Bicum, Mayor Steve Arnold, and CF Production Manager John Thomas.

*Photo submitted*



## Lambton County Library offers language-learning tool

Lambton County Library's online Gale Courses will offer new sessions beginning Oct. 12. Over 300 courses are available, including: personal development programs such as *Starting Your Own Business* and *Digital Photography*; business courses like *Grant Writing* and *Project Management*; medical courses such as *Veterinary Assistant* and *Handling Medical Emergencies*; and many more. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin monthly. Participants receive an award of completion with a passing score. For more information, visit [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca) under eLibrary and eCourses. A valid library card is required to register.

All of the online resources are available free with a valid library card at [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca) under eLibrary. To sign up for a library card, visit any branch library with a piece of identification and proof of address. Libraries also offer free computer and Internet access, as well as in-house resources to assist newcomers.

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All zombies and zombie wannabees are invited to attend the 9th Annual

Zombiefest at the Samia Library on Saturday, Oct. 22. A zombie movie kicks off the festivities at noon and the traditional zombie walk begins at 2 p.m., to be followed by a zombie fashion show and an additional zombie movie. For more info or to pre-register for this event, call 519-337-3291.

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Some programs offered at county library branches require pre-registration but drop-in programs can be attended without registration. All programs are free unless otherwise noted. To find out what's new at your local library, go online to: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca) or call toll-free to 1-866-324-6912 with any questions or concerns. To contact your local St. Clair Township library branch for more information, see below.

### St. Clair Township Library Branch Phone Numbers

**Brigden** (519-864-1142); **Corunna** (519-862-1132); **Courtright** (519-867-2712); **Mooretown** (519-867-2823); **Port Lambton** (519-677-5217); **Sombra** (519-892-3711); **Wilkesport** (519-864-4000)

## Holiday event safety is just a call away

The holiday season will be here before you know it and many major events are now in the works. Event organizers and food/beverage vendors are urged to contact Lambton Public Health (LPH) in advance of any event they have planned. LPH inspectors and tobacco enforcement officers will provide guidance to ensure compliance with food handling regulations and Smoke-Free Ontario Act regulations.

Lori Lucas, Health Protection supervisor at LPH says this information is crucial to the safe operation of public events. "Whether you're an event organizer or a food

and/or beverage vendor, it's your responsibility to minimize the risks of food-borne illness and to ensure the event is Smoke-Free Ontario Act compliant." Just download and complete the *Community Special Events Package* at [www.lambtonhealth.on.ca](http://www.lambtonhealth.on.ca) The package includes all of the required forms for food service. These must be completed and returned to the LPH at least two weeks before the event takes place. For more information, call 519-383-8331, ext. 3575 or toll-free at 1-800-667-1839.

## Final Household Hazardous Waste collection day of season

The County of Lambton, in conjunction with Clean Harbors Canada Inc., will host the final Household Hazardous Waste collection day of the season on **Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Lambton County residents will have the last opportunity of the season to properly dispose of potentially dangerous waste from their homes and protect the environment at the same time. If hazardous products are thrown in with regular waste, they can injure sanitation workers and cause long-term environmental problems.

Materials accepted include: batteries, drain and oven cleaners, pesticides, rat poison, pharmaceuticals, cleaning fluids, pool chemicals, ammonia, bleach, aerosols, gasoline, paints, barbecue starter, oil, solvents, and propane cylinders.

The Clean Harbors Canada facility is located at 4090 Telfer Road (just south of Petrolia Line).

*This service is intended for household hazardous waste ONLY.*

## St. Clair Township celebrates Olympic excellence with Derek Drouin

RCL Br. 447 President Dan Watson recalled Drouin's early athletic efforts when involved with Legion-sponsored activities and congratulated the athlete on his Olympic success.

When Drouin stepped up to the mic, he greeted the crowd in the same modest way he had done four years earlier, after winning the bronze medal at the 2012 Olympics in Beijing. "The last few weeks have been a whirlwind and coming home is the highlight," he said. Having been told that he had become a role model for children, he said, "It's my favourite part of being an athlete, to inspire them to search out something they love."

In a lighter moment, when questioned about what he wanted to eat after he won the gold medal, Drouin said, "It's kind of a tradition that people go to McDonald's (but there were none)...I did have a whole lot of pizza."

In closing, Drouin thanked the community for its continuing support. "What I like best is when people tell me they're proud of the way I represent Corunna and Canada."

Drouin took time to accommodate his adoring fans, who lined up to get an autograph and a photo with their hero. John Kutz of Corunna was impressed by the gold medal winner's composure through the rigors of competition and beyond. "He's one hell of a human - he makes Corunna proud," he said.

After the event, Mayor Arnold commended the many volunteers and township staff members who helped to arrange the community celebration in just 48 hours. "I want to thank them for the work they did and for making this celebration such a memorable occasion for this municipality."

Many of Derek Drouin's family members, some from as far away as Sudbury, traveled to Corunna to attend the celebration. Among the group, Drouin's grandfather, Andre Drouin of Azilda, Ontario, sat quietly taking in the festivities. Drouin's aunt, Diane Drouin-Poulin, commented that Derek's calm, cool demeanour had been inherited from his grandfather. Mr. Drouin smiled at the response but made no comment. Mrs.

Drouin-Poulin added, "We're very proud of Derek and of the way he represents Canada."

Derek's mother, Sheila, says her son's quest for and achievement of Olympic gold has been "overwhelming". She says Derek has always had a strong determination to get what he wants. "He's trained for this since he was five. It's been his dream. He always wanted it and he worked hard to get it," she said.

Popular media is now speculating whether or not Drouin's innovative jumping style will become the new norm, but Mrs. Drouin says it's not something her son thinks about. "He would never view it that way. Good for him if it happens but he's just doing what he loves to do and he's good at it."

With Olympic gold in hand and at the pinnacle of his sport, Mrs. Drouin says her son will be taking a well-deserved rest before he pursues even greater goals in high jumping. "He'll be traveling. The season is over but he'll start training again in November," she said.



High above the crowd, firefighters capture a bird's eye view of Derek Drouin's congratulatory ceremony from the bucket atop a T-REX ladder truck boom.

## Moore Foundation funds three dedicated volunteer community groups

The Moore Foundation handed out three \$1,000 grants to three deserving community groups during the Sept. 19 meeting of St. Clair Township Council. The Moore Museum grant is being used to help restore some of the vintage vehicles in the collection. The Brigden Community Decorating Team is purchasing statues and other items to beautify downtown Brigden. And the Corunna Horticultural and Improvement Association used



their grant to purchase flowers, refurbish lights, provide hot chocolate and treats at the Corunna Santa Clause Parade, and purchase new flags for the light standards along Lyndoch Street. Moore Foundation Chair Jane Marsh commended the volunteers on their efforts and Mayor Steve Arnold thanked them for their hard work on behalf of their communities. Left: Groups receiving Moore Foundation grants were represented by: Moore Museum Board Chair James Townsend, left; Darlene Pepper and Elsbeth McCormick of the Brigden Community Decorating Team; and Gord Dawson, Barbara Warwick (designer of the new Corunna light standard banners), and Brad Colte, with Moore Foundation Chair Jane Marsh.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

## Let the Rapids Family Health Team set you on the path to better health

The following sessions are being offered at the Rapids Family Health Team clinic, located at the Shell Health Centre, 233 Cameron Street in Corunna. There is no charge for participation but you must register for each one you take. Please note that space is limited. If we are unable to accommodate you for the day of your choice, we will put you on a waiting list for future sessions.

For more information, go online to: [www.rapidsfhteam.ca](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca) or to register, call 519-813-9800 and speak to reception.

### Living With Diabetes

This is a two hour session that provides a general overview of diabetes. We will discuss some of the most common myths about diabetes, learn what "good control" is, and discuss some of the things you can do to manage diabetes. The session is led by a Nurse Educator. Sessions will be held on 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays: Oct. 12 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Nov. 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and Dec. 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### Diabetes Healthy Eating and Keeping Active

This is a two hour session for people who have already attended our Living with Diabetes class or who have had past education on the basics of Diabetes and want more information on diet. We will discuss the basics of healthy eating, what types of food affect your blood sugar levels, reading food labels, when and how much to eat, and how to increase your physical activity level. The session is led by a Registered Nurse. Sessions will be held on: Wednesdays on Oct. 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Nov. 16 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.; and Dec. 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### A Guide To Diabetes Prevention

This is a 1.5 hour group session for those who want to learn about diabetes and how to prevent it, or for those who have been told they are at risk of getting diabetes. This session is led by a Registered Nurse and a Registered Dietitian. They will discuss what diabetes is, risk factors for getting diabetes, and how to decrease blood sugar levels through lifestyle changes. The program is open to the public and no physician referral is required. Sessions will be held on: Monday, Oct. 24 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 23 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### Quit Smoking Workshop

This is a two hour session for those who are thinking about quitting or are ready to quit using tobacco. We will discuss strategies and methods for quitting, such as cutting back, using nico-

tine replacement therapy, and using prescribed medications. We will also work on finding ways to overcome barriers to quitting, how to make a quit plan, managing withdrawal symptoms, and how to prevent a relapse. The workshop is open to the public and no physician referral is required. Participants are also welcome to schedule individual appointments to receive further support and information from one of our Nurse Educators. The next Quit Smoking sessions will be held on Wednesdays on Oct. 26 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Nov. 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### Stress Management Workshop

Created by our registered Social Worker, this two-hour seminar, offered monthly, will provide you with information on how to effectively manage stress through: regulating the stress response; goal-setting; problem-solving; challenging unhelpful thinking; and communicating assertively. This seminar is open to the public and no physician referral is required. The next workshops will take place Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 7 and Dec. 2.

*Note: Class date, times and locations within Corunna are subject to change or cancelation depending upon the number of patient registrants.*

### Free cooking classes offered

Free cooking classes will be offered at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive in Corunna through the Rapids Family Health Team's Teaching Kitchen program as follows: **Recipe Makeover**, Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m.; **Whole Grains**, Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m.; and **Healthy Holiday Baking**, Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

These hands-on cooking classes are facilitated by a Registered Dietitian. The principal of these classes is to teach participants how to put nutritious eats in their kitchens. Building familiarity with kitchen tools and ingredients is crucial to being able to eat a well-balanced diet which can help prevent chronic disease and promote energy.

Participants must pre-register for these classes and class sizes are limited. To register, call 519-813-9800.

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### Laboratory Services offered

Laboratory services at the clinic are available  
Monday through Friday from  
7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

## *The Next Generation Leahy to play at Brigden Fair*

The fabulous Canadian Celtic band Leahy has been entertaining appreciative audiences across the country for years, so it's no surprise that this family band has led the way for The Next Generation Leahy.

Doug Leahy, together with his wife, Jennifer, and their children, are keeping the Leahy tradition alive with *The Next Generation Leahy*. The band has spent the last year performing all over North America, sharing the stage with Irish legends, The Chieftains, as well as Fernando Varela, The Tenors, Natalie McMaster, and Donnell Leahy. They've performed at summer festivals and done a sold out Christmas tour. The children are: Adele, 13, on fiddle, piano, cello, and voice; Gregory, 12, on fiddle, accordion, piano, and voice; Angus, 10, on fiddle, piano and voice; Cecilia, 9, on fiddle, piano, and voice; Joseph, 7, on fiddle and voice; and Evelyn, 5, who sings. In of course, all of the Leahys dance.

Don't miss your chance to see this brilliant young group perform at this year's Brigden Fair.

They'll be on stage in the Entertainment Tent on Saturday, Oct. 8 for shows at 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.



## HERITAGE CORNER

### New historical plaque reveals the wild side of Wilkesport

The story of Wilkesport is a remarkable tale of fearless exploration and foresight. It has now been revealed through the placement of a new historical plaque at the front of the Wilkesport Community Centre. The plaque was dedicated on Sept. 17 during a ceremony that featured two descendants of Paul Sturdevant, the first pioneer to arrive in the area. His fourth-great-grandson, Paul Sturdevant, and his wife, Shirley, along with Diane Rose, attended the dedication. Shirley Sturdevant, a historian who has researched the Sturdevant family, was able to reveal the genesis of the Wilkesport area.

Around 1827, Sturdevant, a lumber man from New York State, traveled to this area and was met by a dense, foreboding forest and swampy, inhospitable land that had discouraged other explorers of the day. After building himself a log cabin, he stayed the winter and went home, only to return with his four sons to help him open up the land. It was a difficult task with only Indian trails to follow until the late 1840s. As timber was cleared and drainage ditches were dug, the land eventually dried up to allow further settlement and the development of agriculture in the area.

At that time, the Sydenham River was about 16 feet wide and 24 feet deep; it was wide enough to allow ocean vessels to travel to Wilkesport. The availability of lumber also gave way to a thriving boat-building industry and Wilkesport became the only inland port in Lambton. Ships built in Wilkesport include: the schooner Blackbird; the scow Elijah Windsor; the tug Harvey; the ferry Marion; and the schooner Relief. The complete record of boats built in the town runs from 1867 to 1888. Families that helped to



Due to inclement weather, the plaque unveiling took place inside the Wilkesport Community Centre. On hand for the event were: Sturdevant descendants Diane Rose, Shirley and Paul Sturdevant, Deputy Warden Ian Veen, Mayor Steve Arnold, and Heritage St. Clair Chair David Pattenden.

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

build a thriving town included Sales, Grason, Brown, Ellwood, Ramsay, Jennings, Shepherd, Dawson, Tunmore, Burden, Tyrrell, Thorpe, Selman, Shaw, Lester and more.

Those who want to know more about the fascinating story of Wilkesport can find that information in the book *Wilkesport: A Passage Through Time* by Shelley Lucier, curator of the Sombra Museum.

### Moore Museum Downriver craft sale welcomed surprise ISO concert

A brilliant sunny day greeted the Moore Museum Downriver Craft Show and about 2,000 people came out to enjoy the sights, the vendors' wares, and this year, the sound of beautiful music played by a trio from the International Symphony Orchestra (ISO). The orchestra's Random Acts of Culture program sent combos from the orchestra out to entertain at several Lambton County community events this summer. **Left:** A group of Sparks from the 1st Corunna Sparks group were fascinated by the music they heard during one of the ISO's "Pop Up" performances. *Photo by Laurie Mason* **Below:** Repurposed thrift store and garage sale finds found new life fashioned into beautiful garden whimsies by Annette Lau of *Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose*. **Right:** Corunna resident Pam Beni inspects a table of beautiful needlework while her companion, a 13-year-old shi-poo named Murphy, relaxes in his luxurious pet buggy. *Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*. Moore Museum Board Chair James Townsend

says the event followed an encouraging trend of growth that has been underway for several years now. He credits effective advertising, such as the strategic placement of signs at major intersections, for getting the word out about major museum events.





## ISO entertains at Blueberry Social

Musicians from the International Symphony Orchestra (ISO) "popped up" at the Sombra Museum's Blueberry Social in August as part of the ISO's *Random Acts of Culture* program. Various combos from the orchestra traveled around Lambton County this summer to do impromptu appearances at community events as a way of revealing the beauty and variety of music to groups of appreciative listeners. This classical trio included Caitlin Mason, Tessa Catton, and Barbara Armstrong.

*Photo submitted*



## Good Sam's RV Club comes to Brigden with donations for charity

By Bonnie Stevenson

A friendly convoy of about 72 RVs rolled into the Brigden fairgrounds on the last weekend in August bringing happy campers from nine American states, as well as Quebec and many chapters from Ontario. Members of the Good Sam Club, a travel club that is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, were gathering for a Samboree, a time to get together for fellowship, fun, and a chance to do something good for the communities they travel through.

The "Good Sam" in the club's name is the short form for "good Samaritan", a philosophy that is expressed in the club's pledge which includes giving aid to others in need, respecting nature and the environment, and helping those less fortunate. The club currently boasts a membership of 1.6 million scattered across North America.

At the opening ceremonies on Aug. 26, the group obeyed the intent of its pledge by making two donations to the community. After conferring with local residents of Brigden, including the town's volunteer firefighters, a donation was made to the Brigden Fair's Ploughman's Farmyard, an interactive area where children can have fun while learning about agriculture. A second donation to Operation Christmas Tree marked an early kick off to the annual Ward 1 Christmas hamper program.

This year's Samboree theme was "1960s TV Shows" and event's opening ceremonies on Aug. 26 featured a costume parade of club members dressed to represent many of the characters from such shows as the Flintstones, Star Trek, Green Acres, and Bonanza. Club Director Barbara Treagus says this is just one of the many ways club members enjoy their time together and make new friends. "People meet from all over...they make new friends and exchange ideas," she said.

On hand for the opening ceremonies were Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold, Moore Agricultural Society President Stephanie DeGurse, and Homecraft Division President Connie Courtney. In recognition of the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Mayor Arnold presented Provincial Club Directors

Barbara Treagus and Jean-Marie Menard with a congratulatory certificate and St. Clair Township lapel pins and, on behalf of MP Marilyn Gladu, a certificate from the Government of Canada. MPP Bob Bailey brought greetings and good wishes from the Province of Ontario.

Club Director Barbara Treagus, a 30-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, paid tribute to veterans and their families, and led a moment of silence for club members who had passed away during the previous year. A full slate of activities was planned for the Samboree weekend and Treagus encouraged members to go out, tour the community, and shop locally.

The Brigden Samboree is the ninth and last one of the season. Treagus says the median age of the membership is increasing and new members are always welcome. "We're trying to get young families out," she said. "They don't have to be in RVs; we all started out in tents." She added the purpose of the club is to allow people from different parts of the country to get to know one another and to become familiar with other communities.

The Brigden fairgrounds venue was a hit with the hundreds of Good Sams who attended the Samboree. The club has already booked two more Samborees here for 2018 and 2020.

For more information about the Good Sam Club, go online to: [www.ontariogoodsamsrvclub.com](http://www.ontariogoodsamsrvclub.com)



**Good Sam's Club Provincial Directors Jean-Marie Menard and Barbara Treagus receive a township flag from Mayor Steve Arnold.**

*Photo by Bonnie Stevenson*

## Brigden Fair entertainment tent schedule

### Friday, Oct. 7

11 a.m. - Crystal Gage sings; 11:30 a.m. - Official opening of the fair; 12:30 p.m. - Crystal Gage; 2 p.m. - Pickin' N' Fiddlin'; 3 p.m. - Presentation to Petrolia Food Bank; 3:10 - Pickin' N' Fiddlin'.

### Saturday, Oct. 8

9:30 a.m. - Mutt Show; 12:30 p.m. - Next Generation Leahy Family; 1:15 p.m. - IPM Scholarship presentations; 1:45 p.m. - Next Generation Leahy Family; 3 p.m. - Christine Story &

Friends.

**In the Community Tent at 2:30 p.m. - Steppin' Up Dance Club.**

### Sunday, Oct. 9

Noon - Greg Henry & Friends; 1:10 p.m. - Neufeld School of Highland Dance; 1:45 - Greg Henry & Friends; 3 p.m. - Joan Spalding & Friends.

### Monday, Oct. 10

11:30 a.m. - Sarnia School of Irish Dance; 1 p.m. - Shane Cook & Friends; 2:15 p.m. - Sabrina Rankin & Friends; 3:15 - Shane Cook & Friends.

# ~ BRIGDEN FAIR ~ 2016 PROGRAM OF EVENTS ~

## FRIDAY

OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

Seniors/Student Day

Admission \$5.00 until 5 pm then \$10.00

## SATURDAY

OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

Admission \$10.00

Elementary Students Free

## SUNDAY

OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

Admission \$10.00

Elementary Students Free

## MONDAY

OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Admission \$10.00

Elementary Students Free

### EXHIBIT BUILDINGS - CLOSE 8 P.M.

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open  
9:30 Agriculture in the Classroom (C)  
Emergency Response Displays  
9:45 Germ Buster 101 (1-3/4 hr) (ExH)  
10:00 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
11:00 Crystal Gaze (ET)  
11:30 Official Fair Opening (ET)  
12:00 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
12:15 Germ Buster 101 (2 hrs) (ExH)  
12:30 Crystal Gaze (ET)  
1:30 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
2:00 Pickin' N Fiddlin' at the Fair (ET)  
3:00 Presentation-Petrolia Food Bank (ET)  
3:10 Pickin' N Fiddlin' at the Fair (ET)  
7:00 South Western Ontario Truck & Tractor Pull (G)

### MIDWAY OPENS 10 A.M. DAILY

### Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Dan the Balloon Man "Roaming Around!"  
Monster Truck Rides (Sat., Sun., Mon.)  
Helicopter Rides with Zimmer Air

### Saturday and Sunday

Child Identification Program  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Near the OPP Trailer

### Exhibition Hall

Quilts, Creative Crafts, Fine Arts  
Culinary Crafts, Photography  
Junior Department

### Brigden Fair Lunch Counter

Homemade Lunches & Pies  
Fri. Sat. Sun. - 9:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Mon. - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Ploughman's Farmyard (Farmyard)

Located in Cattle Barn #1 - All weekend  
Live Animal Display

Daniel Steep's Agri Magic Shows  
Interactive Children's Activities & More!

### EXHIBIT BUILDINGS - CLOSE 8 P.M.

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open  
9:00 Open Hunter Horse Show  
9:00 Mid Western Horse Show  
9:30 Children's Mutt Show (ET)  
10:30 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
10:30 Making & Baking Scones (ExH)  
10:30 Standard and Bantam Poultry Show  
11:00 Farmtastic Mystic Drumz (CS)  
11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)  
11:00 Open Sheep/Market Lamb Show (C)  
11:00 Express Clydesdales (Hvy Horse Ring)

### PARADE at NOON

12:00 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
12:30 Next Generation Leahy Family (ET)  
1:00 Bob the Builder Live Show (CS)  
1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)  
1:00 Making & Baking of Scones (ExH)  
1:00 Haflinger Show  
1:15 IPM Awards Presentation (C)  
1:15 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
1:30 Beef Cattle (C)  
1:30 Farmtastic Mystic Drumz (CS)  
1:30 Ontario Vintage Tractor Pull (G)  
1:45 Next Generation Leahy Family (ET)  
2:00 Little Charmers 'Posie'  
Meet & Greet (CS)  
2:30 Steppin' Up Dance Club (CS)  
2:30 Making & Baking Scones (ExH)  
3:00 Lambton Kent Mini Pullers (G)  
3:00 Bob the Builder Live Show (CS)  
3:00 Christine Storey & Friends (ET)  
3:30 Farmtastic Mystic Drumz (CS)  
4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)  
4:00 Paw Patrol 'Marshall' Meet & Greet (CS)  
4:30 Balloon Workshop with Dan (CS)  
5:00 Paw Patrol 'Marshall' Meet & Greet (CS)  
6:30 Team Sorting (C)

**All events and times  
are subject to change.**

### EXHIBIT BUILDINGS - CLOSE 6 P.M.

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open  
9:00 Mid Western Horse Show  
9:30 Brigden 4-H Sheep Show  
10:00 Children's Rabbit  
& Guinea Pig Show (Farmyard)  
10:00 Follow the Fibre Trail (CB)  
10:30 Ducks and Geese Show  
10:30 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
11:00 BABY SHOW (CS)  
11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)  
11:00 President Choice SUPERDOGS (G)  
11:00 Express Clydesdales (Hvy Horse Ring)  
11:30 4-H Rabbit Show (C)  
12:00 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
12:00 Greg Henry & Friends (ET)  
12:30 Farmtastic Mystic Drumz (CS)  
12:30 Working Wagon Teams Show  
1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)  
1:00 Speckle Park Cattle Show (C)  
1:00 President Choice SUPERDOGS (G)  
1:00 Bob the Builder Live Show (CS)  
1:00 Oil Painting Demo (3 hrs) (ExH)  
1:10 Neufeld School of Highland Dance (ET)  
1:15 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
1:30 Regional 4-H Sheep Show (C)  
1:30 Balloon Workshop with Dan (CS)  
1:45 Greg Henry and Friends (ET)  
2:00 President Choice SUPERDOGS (G)  
2:00 Little Charmers 'Posie'  
Meet & Greet (CS)  
2:30 Western Ontario Outlaw Extreme  
Lawntactor Racing (Horse Ring)  
2:30 Farmtastic Mystic Drumz (CT)  
3:00 President Choice SUPERDOGS (G)  
3:00 Joan Spalding and Friends (ET)  
3:00 Bob the Builder Live Show (CS)  
3:30 Farmtastic Mystic Drumz (CT)  
4:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)  
4:00 Paw Patrol 'Marshall' Meet & Greet (CS)  
4:30 Balloon Workshop with Dan (CS)  
5:00 Paw Patrol 'Marshall' Meet & Greet (CS)

### EXHIBIT BUILDINGS

**CLOSE 4:30 P.M.**

**MONDAY ONLY!**  
**FARMER'S MARKET (CS)**  
**9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

9:00 Exhibit Buildings Open  
9:00 Miniature Horse Show  
9:00 Open Light Horse Show  
9:00 Heavy Horse Show  
9:00 Brigden 4-H Beef Show (C)  
9:30 Brigden Speed Show  
(NBHA/OBRA Sanctioned)  
10:00 Beef Cattle Feeder Club & Market Lambs (C)  
10:30 Pigeon Show  
11:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)  
11:00 Beef/Hog/Lamb Auction (C)  
11:00 President Choice SUPERDOGS (G)  
11:00 Flower Demo (ExH)  
11:00 Express Clydesdales (Hvy Horse Ring)  
11:30 Samia School of Irish Dance (ET)  
11:30 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
12:30 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
1:00 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)  
1:00 Regional 4-H Beef Show (C)  
1:00 Beef Cattle (C)  
1:00 Flower Demo (ExH)  
1:00 Shane Cook & Friends (ET)  
1:00 President Choice SUPERDOGS (G)  
2:00 President Choice SUPERDOGS (G)  
2:15 Sabrina Rankin & Friends (ET)  
2:30 Agri Magic (Farmyard)  
3:00 President Choice SUPERDOGS (G)  
3:15 Shane Cook & Friends (ET)  
3:30 West Coast Lumberjack Show (LS)

### Jr. Fair/Fruits & Vegetable Building

Canning, Heaviest Pumpkin, Fruits,  
Vegetables, 4-H Displays,  
Giving Back to the Community

**Building Key:** (CS) Community Showcase ~ (ET) Entertainment Tent ~ (LS) Lumberjack Stand ~ (ExH) Exhibition Hall ~ (CB) Cattle Barn #1 ~ (G) Grandstand ~ (C) Coliseum

## Battle that winter weight at Mooretown Sports Complex

Don't let those love handles become a full-blown pot this winter. Fight the fat at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

### Community Services Website

Check out our summer brochure at: [www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca)

### Spinning Class

Certified spinning instructors will get you moving toward improved cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and power. Classes are: Tues. or Thurs., 7-7:45 a.m. Beginners classes available. Call the information number listed below. Bikes and Bells, spin with strength training, is available Fri., 9-10 a.m., Mon. or Wed., 5-6 p.m.

### Muscle Mix group fitness

Muscle Mix group uses kettlebell training to build lean muscle, improve strength, and power in upper body, core, and lower body, and increase coordination, joint mobility, and overall endurance. Classes are: Tues. and Thurs., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/senior, \$45/10 visit pass, included with \$225/year full fitness centre membership.

### Fitness Kick Boxing

High-energy, cardio workout with martial arts moves gets your metabolism revving. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/senior, \$45/10 visit pass/ included with \$225/year full fitness centre membership.

### Shallow & Deep Water Aerobics

Programs include a variety of exercises that target posture, muscular endurance, strength, cardiovascular, flexibility, and balance. Shallow classes: Mon., Wed., Fri., 10-11 a.m., Tues., Thurs., 8-9 p.m. Deep classes: Mon., Wed., 8-9 a.m. Cost is \$6/class, \$5/senior, \$45/10 visit pass/ included with \$225/year full fitness centre membership.

### Indoor Walking Low Impact Exercise—Free!

Sponsored by West Lambton CHC, this program is held Mon. and Wed. mornings, 9-10 a.m. Call 519-344-3017, ext 237 for more information or to register.

### Tai Chi for Seniors—Free!

Sponsored by West Lambton CHC, this six-week exercise program is held Thurs. from 1:30-2:30 p.m. To register or get more information, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237.

### Red Cross Babysitting Course

This course will be offered for youth 11 years and over on PA Day Friday, Nov. 25 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Future babysitters will learn the responsibilities of the babysitter, safety tips for children of all ages, basic child care skills, and what to do in case of emergency. The cost, including manual, is \$50 per child.

### Shiny hockey is back!

Adult hockey will be held every Tuesday morning from 9-10 a.m. The cost is \$5/person.

### Public Skate

Public skating is held Sundays from 1-2:15 p.m. at a cost of \$2.25 /child, \$3.25/adult, or \$6.50/family. (Check online brochure for cancellation dates).

### Parents, Tots & Seniors Skate—Free!

The whole family can enjoy quality time on the ice on Wed. and Thurs. from 1-2 p.m.

### Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor Course

You can become a lifeguard or swimming instructor. Start by contacting the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651 for information.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact the Mooretown Sports Complex at 519-867-2651. Find us online at: [www.stclairtpw.ca](http://www.stclairtpw.ca)

## Mooretown Flags home game season schedule

The schedule for upcoming Mooretown Flags hockey games is as follows (all games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted):

Saturday, Oct. 1 - Wallaceburg; Saturday, Oct. 8 - Dresden; Saturday, Oct. 15 - Amherstburg; Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Lakeshore at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 22 - Essex; Saturday, Oct. 29 - Blenheim; Saturday, Nov. 5 - Dresden; Saturday, Nov. 12 - Wheatley; Saturday, Nov. 19 - Petrolia; Friday, Dec. 2 - Essex; Saturday, Dec. 3 - Wallaceburg; Saturday, Dec. 10 - Lakeshore; Saturday, Dec. 17 - Blenheim; Friday, Dec. 23 - Amherstburg; Wednesday, Jan. 4 - Wheatley at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 14; Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Lakeshore at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 21 - Dresden; Saturday, Jan. 28 - Wallaceburg.

The Flags finished in fourth place last season and the league's Coach of the Year is back behind the bench, so hopes are high the team will improve on last season's success.

**Go Flags!**

## Family Fun Day in Port Lambton

The Sombra Optimist Club, the Port Lambton Knights of Columbus, and the Down River Jr. Optimist Club hosted Family Fun Day at Brander Park as an end-of-summer treat for the local children. Highlights of the day included **Zoo 2 You**, a traveling petting zoo that included a kangaroo, snakes, and other small animals the children could get to know. Below left: Visitors enjoyed the company of a zoo kangaroo. Below right: Peter Redmond of Walpole Island conducted a workshop for 42 children, teaching them how to make and decorate tipi night lights. The tipis are constructed in the traditional First Nations style. The event also treated everyone to free hotdogs and cold drinks.

*Sombra Optimist photos*





## Summer in St. Clair Township was marked by examples of sports excellence

This summer hundreds of young local athletes showed they had the right stuff to excel at their chosen sport. Here are four examples of the achievements that were made on the ice and on the ball diamond.

**Photo Top left:** Three graduates of the Corunna Girls' Softball Program, Killian Irwin, left, Lauren Fitzpatrick, and Kori Irwin, played with the Byron Blaze Tier One Bantam Girls team that won their division at the Ontario Summer Games in Mississauga this summer.

**Photo Bottom left:** The Port Lambton Pirates OBA Minor Mosquito "B" team had a successful OBA tournament in Cobourg, Ontario in early September. The defending OBA Rookie "D" champions from last year moved up to compete in the OBA Minor Mosquito "B" Champion Tournament. The Pirates started well with a win against the Welland Mustangs and fought their way through to the Championship Final game against Simcoe. After a seven-inning battle, they lost to Simcoe. But team spokesperson Sev Nappi says the Pirates had an excellent season of tournaments and league games, winning the London Tecumseh tournament in July that featured strong clubs from A and AA centres. The Pirates team includes: Bottom row left: Lucas Laprise, Ryan Bowen, Nash Lane, Will Wadsworth, Caleb Rosseel. Middle row left: Geremia Nappi, Alex Blair, Josh Hazzard, Kyle Berkvens, Nash Grealis, Drew Bunda, Brayden



Mitchell. Back row left: Head Coach Bill Bunda, Assistant Coaches Tom Bair, Larry Laprise, Sev Nappi, and Mike Lane.

**Photo Bottom Right:** The Corunna Lady Giants U12 Fastball team captured the silver medal in the "C" division of the Provincial Women's Softball Association Grand Championships. The team includes: Front row left: Avery Moninger, Marisa Lough, Emma Greenwood, Brice Knight, Savannah Worsley, Olivia Prentice. Second row left: Pacie Babcock, Layne Fleming, Shana Murphy-Myers, Makayla Mootrey, Rhyann Hull, Alley McLean. Coaches from left: Randy Mair, Colin Prentice, Sue Knight, Marc Greenwood.

**Photo Top Right:** The Moore Skate Club proudly announced that Danika Oakley of Corunna had completed her gold skills test in figure skating. At the age of 11, Danika is the youngest skater at the club to ever complete this test, which requires a skater to complete six levels of testing, from preliminary to gold, in order to obtain a gold in each discipline. This normally takes about seven years; Danika completed hers in just five. Danika attends Sir John Moore Community School and is coached by Cindy Oakley and Anita Amy.



*All photos submitted*



## Operation Christmas Tree already underway

The 2016 Operation Christmas Tree holiday food and toy drive is 35 years old this year. The program encourages everyone to donate non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys, or cash donations that can be used to buy items that are needed. The items are used to create hampers that are delivered to about 130 local families in need so that they can enjoy a holiday that offers enough food to eat and some toys to put a sparkle into the eyes of their children.

The program will begin with a Poor Boy Lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 hall on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The OPP Drive-thru donation collection, with Santa and his Moore Optimist Club helpers, will be held at the OPP Emergency Services

Building parking lot on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Once again this year, the OCT headquarters will be at the OPP Emergency Services Building in Corunna at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. The facility will be open from Nov. 22 to Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Families in need can register to receive a Christmas hamper by registering at the St. Vincent de Paul shop, 385 Lyndoch Street, on Nov. 7-12 and Nov. 14-17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at the OPP Emergency Service Building.

In south St. Clair Township, the Sacred Heart Food Bank will be mounting a similar Christmas hamper program. Information for this program will be published in the November issue of The Beacon.

# COMMUNITY CONTACT

## ***Become a community builder as an Optimist Club member***

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new members who want to help their community thrive. This volunteer organization exists to make their community a better place by doing great things for the youth in their area. Over the years, the Sombra Optimists have been involved in many projects and activities including improvements to Brander Park, the skate board ramp at Van Damme Park, the annual car show at Brander Park, Bike Safety Rodeo, and many others. Be a friend of youth - join the Optimist Club of Sombra. For more information or to become a member, call Carla Aarssen at 519-892-3536.

## ***7th annual elimination draw underway***

Tickets for the 7th annual elimination draw, sponsored by Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, are now on sale for \$20 per ticket. The grand prize will be \$2,400 and weekly draws begin May 6, 2017, with the final draw slated for Sept. 23, 2017. Tickets are available at the Corunna Legion hall. Call 519-862-1240 for more information or to purchase tickets. Get your tickets early - they make great Christmas gifts.

## ***Brigden United Church services and activities***

Brigden United Church holds regular services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join the congregation for meaningful worship, fellowship, and coffee. Newly appointed minister, Rev. Deanna Gibson, comes to the church from a ministry at St. Joseph's Hospice in Sarnia. In addition to regular services, the church will again host **Messy Church** beginning on Oct. 27 and running through next June from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The weekly event features a relaxed evening of worship, crafts, and a provided supper. Children must be accompanied by an adult; parents and grandparents are welcome. This event introduces children to a faith-based life in a fun and informal way. And the **Moms and Tots Drop Inn** happens at the church every Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The program is held under the auspices of Sombra Rural Childcare. For more information, call 519-892-3151.

## ***Play Pickleball at CAP park***

Pickleball is played Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to about noon at the CAP park tennis courts on Hill Street in Corunna. Anyone wanting to find out more about the game can go online to: [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org) or [www.pickleball Canada](http://www.pickleball Canada). For more information about Corunna Pickleball, call Michael Hill at 519-813-9274 or Keith Adams at 519-918-5359.

## ***Your change helps the St. Clair Trail***

Donate your spare change to the St. Clair Trail through the *Pennies for Pavement* program. Just drop it off at the following locations: Shaykin Bait Variety in Port Lambton (*the Canada Post office no longer accepts donations*) or the Pic-N-Pay in Sombra Village. Every penny will be matched 2:1 by St. Clair Township Council. Bricks, benches, and blocks can still be ordered to commemorate a special occasion or to

provide a lasting memorial to departed loved ones. To place an order, contact Laura at 519-862-2442 (north end of trail) or Janis at 519-892-3223 (south end of trail). You can also visit the trail Website at: [stclairriver-trail.com](http://stclairriver-trail.com)

## ***Photo I.D. cards available***

Anyone over age 16 who does not have a valid driver's license can obtain a government-issued photo I.D. card at the Corunna Motor Vehicle License office at 379 Lyndoch Street.

## ***New members welcome - Lambton County Jr. Optimists***

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club is always on the lookout for youth who want to make a difference in their community. Club members ages 10 through 18 volunteer in the community and fundraise to put on their own programs and to donate to other youth programs. All hours spent volunteering through the club can be used toward members' volunteer hours at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

## ***Brigden TOPS group meetings***

Brigden TOPS hold their meetings every Tuesday night at the Brigden Optimist Hall. Weigh-ins are from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meetings are from 6:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 519-864-1865. The TOPS mission is to help our members to sensibly take off and keep off pounds.

## ***TOPS group meets in Port Lambton***

The Port Lambton weight loss group meets every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the Port Lambton Community Hall. For more information, call Margaret Ann at 519-677-5665 or just come out on Thursday nights. Everyone is welcome.

## ***Let Corunna TOPS group help you reach your goal***

The non-profit TOPS Corunna meets every Tuesday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 437 Colborne Street in Corunna. Weigh-in is 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a short meeting from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to attend so drop in for a meeting. For more information, call Wendy at 519-862-2808.

## ***Recovery support group meets weekly***

Recovery International, a self-help group for those who struggle with mental health issues, meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's United Church in Sarnia. Issues that are covered include phobias, depression, anxiety, sleeplessness, and several others. For more information, contact Rita at 519-867-2932.

## ***Coping with Life Alone group***

The Coping With Life Alone group is offered for those who are separated, divorced, or widowed and are seeking help to work through the transition. This program will be offered from Friday, Oct. 21 to Sunday, Oct. 23. For more information, times, and location, contact Renate at 519-331-8859 or Tom at 519-337-5553.

## ***Lambton Seniors Assoc. Handyman/Handywoman program***

Seniors, don't struggle with the upkeep of your home. Lambton Seniors Association handy men and handy women can help with everything from yard work to housekeeping. Call 519-339-8866 or 1-800-219-4717 for info.

## ***Local Ontario Early Years locations***

The OEYC Sarnia-Lambton is a free family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. for families with children ages 0 to 6.

### **Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School**

3926 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton  
519-892-3151

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday, & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Best Start Hub - St. Joseph's School,  
Corunna**

535 Birchbank Drive, Corunna  
519-862-5071, ext. 224

Hours of Operation: Monday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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**Brigden United Church,**  
2420 Jane Street, Brigden  
519-892-3151

Hours of Operation: Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For a complete listing of hours and parent/caregiver workshops, go online to: [www.ontarioearlyyears.ca](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).

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Generation" on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. The cost is \$80 and the deadline date to register will be Thursday, Nov. 10. Please call Denise at 519-862-1628 for additional information.

### Artisan sale at Windswept in Port Lambton

An array of talented artisans will display their beautiful work at Port Lambton's Windswept Retreat House, 4296 St. Clair Parkway, on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be something for everyone on your Christmas list, including: stained and fused glass; unique children's toys and aprons; stone art; fresh greenery; Christmas décor; jewelry; wall art; jams and jellies; baked goods; freezer-ready comfort foods and much more. Partial proceeds from this event will go to the Sacred Heart Food Bank Christmas hamper drive.

### CKNX Barn Dance Radio Show presents *A Classic Country Christmas*

Don't miss the CKNX Barn Dance Radio Show. The Brigden Fair and the Barn Dance Historical Society presents *A Classic Country Christmas* at the Brigden Fairgrounds exhibition hall on Sunday, Nov. 20. Doors open at 1:45 p.m. with the show starting at 2:30 p.m. It will feature special guests Marie Bottrell, Kiley Joe Masson, and John & Geneva Heeman, with emcee Jim Swan and the Barn Dance Show Band. Admission is by advance tickets only. Tickets are \$25 per person. The show will This event sells out quickly, so call 519-864-1197 or email: [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca) to reserve yours!

### Weekly Souper Thursdays in Corunna

The Parkway Church, located at 551 Murray Drive in Corunna, hosts a FREE *Souper Thursday* community lunch every week from noon to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to the church and enjoy a homemade lunch to eat in or take out. Those who require assistance can call 519-862-3380 to have lunch delivered. For more information, contact the church online at: [parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com](mailto:parkwaychurch-michelle@gmail.com)

### Ongoing activities offered at Cruikshank Community Centre

Several ongoing activities take place at the Cruikshank Community Centre each week. These include: morning coffee socials from Monday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. - everyone is welcome; **euchre nights** on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - cost is \$3 per session which includes light refreshments; and **bridge** on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

### Courtright Friendship Club plays cards

The Courtright Friendship Club plays euchre every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. and Pepper every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the hall located at 1533 Fourth Street in Courtright. Everyone is welcome to attend and try out their card skills.

### Cribbage played at Corunna United Church

Cribbage is played every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Corunna United

Church on Hill Street. Come out, test your skills, and enjoy a morning of fun.

### Bridge lunch at Corunna United Church

A bridge luncheon will be held at Corunna United Church on Wednesday, Oct. 5. The cost per table will be \$56. For more information or to reserve a table, call Sylvia at 519-862-1040.

### LEO offers exercise for seniors in Sombra

Lambton Elderly Outreach continues to offer Forever Fit exercise classes for seniors at Sombra hall. Classes are Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Chair exercise is offered at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Everyone 55 and older are welcome. Shoes with a good tread on the sole are required.

### Courtright girl supports splashpad with candy



Emma Brandon, 9, of Courtright helped fund the Courtright splashpad through the sales of candy kebobs, selling them throughout the community and at local community events. The enterprising young lady brought in the impressive sum of \$1,000 for her good work.

*Photo submitted*

### Air Cadets celebrate 70th anniversary

The 44 Sarnia Imperial Squadron air cadets will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Nov. 1 of this year. In 2017, the group will host a reunion for all alumni on the Victoria Day weekend. If you know anyone living out of the area who would appreciate notice of this event, the squadron would appreciate it if you would pass this information along.

For more information, email: [sarniasc44@live.com](mailto:sarniasc44@live.com)

### Assistance for veterans and spouses available

Do you know someone who is living on the street or who might benefit from the Soldier's On program? Are you interested in finding out if you qualify for assistance with problems like housekeeping, snow clearing, grass cutting, hearing aids or other medical assistance? For information, call the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch at 519-862-1240 or the Brigden Branch at 519-864-1395, or Service Officer Gerry Den Hartogh at 519-862-1613.

*"Lest we forget"*

### Notice of Motion

Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447

Notice of motion is hereby given that the Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 general meeting of members will take place on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the branch. Members will be asked for consideration, discussion and a vote of acceptance on changes to the branch regulations regarding changing the general and executive meetings to the first and third Tuesdays of the month respectively.



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and dance on Saturday, Oct. 22, with dinner from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and dancing from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Entertainment will be by Kim & Vick. Advance tickets ONLY, available from the branch by calling 519-862-1240, will be \$18 per person. The menu from *Jolly Roger's* will include seafood chowder, pickerel, baked potato, baked beans, Italian bread, coleslaw, and a vegetable and pickle tray. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this evening event.

### Annual Fall Pork Harvest Dinner

The annual Fall Pork Harvest Dinner will be held Sunday, Oct. 23, serving from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Brigden United Church. The cost is \$15.00 per adult and \$5 for children under five years old. **Advance tickets only.** For tickets and information contact Brigden UC at 519-864-1747, Marie at 519-864-4016, or any Brigden United Church member.

### Moore Optimists and Jr. Optimists present Pumpkinfest

Pumpkinfest will be presented by the Moore Optimist Club and the Lambton County Jr. Optimist Club at the Courtright Community Hall (Silverdome) on Sunday, Oct. 23 from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will receive free pumpkins and there will be pumpkin carving and decorating, Monster Lab, pumpkin bowling, scarecrow-making (please bring children's old clothes to make your own scarecrow), crafts, and much more. The Jr. Optimists will have a bake sale plus hamburgers and hot dogs for sale. All proceeds will go to community youth projects. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950. *This is a great opportunity for secondary school students to gain volunteer hours.*

### Sombra Museum presents 2016-2017 Lecture Series

The Sombra Museum lecture series continues on Tuesday, Oct. 25, as author Anne Towell discusses her work and the process of writing for children. Her latest novel, *Grease Town*, won the Nautilus Award and was short-listed for the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Award. She is a member of the Writer's Guild of Canada. Then, Lynn Eves from the Bluewater Raptor Rehabilitation Centre will speak on Tuesday, Nov. 29 on the role of predatory birds in the ecological system, why we should appreciate them, and the need to protect them. *Information regarding the winter lectures will be published here in The Beacon when details for those events are finalized.*

### Seniors On The Move event planned

A FREE Seniors On The Move presentation will be held at Brigden United Church, 2420 Jane Street in Brigden, on Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The presentation, sponsored by VHA Home Health Care, VON Canada, and the Heart and Stroke Foundation, will cover topics such as fall prevention, incontinence, medication, exercise, and more. A free lunch and prizes will be included. Seating is limited and attendees must register by calling Rosemary at 519-864-4077.

### Corunna Legion jam session series resumes

The swingin' free jam session series at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447, held the last Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. from October through May, resumes on Saturday, Oct. 29 with the Halloween Jam. Cash prizes of \$25, \$25, and \$10 will be awarded for the best costumes.

Future sessions are planned for: Nov. 26; Dec. 31 - New Year's

Eve jam; Jan. 28; Feb. 25; March 25; April 29; and May 27. You don't have to be a member to come out and join the fun - play an instrument, sing, or just listen - it's a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

### Alzheimer Society trivia night fundraiser

So you think you're smart? How about testing your brain power at Trivia Night, a benefit for the Mindful Music project of the Alzheimer Society of Samia-Lambton. The event is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Samia Legion hall, 286 Front Street N. in Samia. The event will feature teams of six at an entry cost of \$150 per team. Be sure you have a good team name picked out. Register by calling the Alzheimer Society office at 519-332-4444 or email: [mindfulmusicsamia@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulmusicsamia@gmail.com). You can also drop into the office to pay the registration fee.

### Hypnotic Comedy and Dinner set

The congregations of the Courtright and Sixth Line Churches will hold a joint fundraiser at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall on Friday, Nov. 4. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. The Hypnotic Comedy and Dinner event will feature a beef and chicken supper with all the trimmings and entertainment with the Hypnotic Comedy of Jeff West. The event will also include a silent auction and door prizes. Tickets will be \$40 per person and will be available in September. For more information, call 519-864-1161 or 519-491-5510.

### Corunna Legion to hold 70th anniversary celebration

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 5 with a remembrance banquet of honours and awards. The event will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 per person, available in the club room at the branch hall. Veterans will be admitted free of charge but must register by calling 519-862-1240. Legion members and members of the public will be welcome.

### Moore Optimists to host Christmas Crafts and Games Day

The Optimist Club of Moore will host Christmas Craft and Game Day on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Courtright Community Hall (Silverdome). Children attending this event are asked to bring donations of hats, mitts, scarves, and socks to be given to area schools instead of canned goods. There will also be a "Secret Santa Shopping" activity for the kids to enjoy.

### Cruickshank Centre events

The Cruickshank Centre at Thomson Gardens in Corunna will hold several great events this fall. The first will be a visit from the Tan Jay clothing store at Lambton Mall on Monday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This event will offer the latest fashions to purchase. The second event will be a bus trip to Appin on Saturday, Nov. 12, leaving Thomson Gardens at 9 a.m. and returning at about 6 p.m. The bus will stop at Park's Blueberries for a muffin and coffee, the Tender Tootsies outlet store in Glencoe, then arrive at The Smak Community Centre for a roast beef family meal, followed by the theatrical comedy "Broken Up". The cost will be \$80 and the deadline date for registration will be Wednesday, Oct. 12. Please call Denise at 519-862-1628 for additional information.

And the third event will be a bus trip to Wagg's in Samia for dinner and then to the Imperial Theatre to see "The Leahy - The Next

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## Parkway Pentecostal presents Mat Gauthier

Award-winning singing impressionist Mat Gauthier will perform at Parkway Pentecostal Church, 551 Murray St. in Corunna on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling Brenda at 519-490-8296 or the church office at 519-862-3380, or via email at [church.parkway@gmail.com](mailto:church.parkway@gmail.com)

## Knights of Columbus breakfast/meat raffles

The popular Knights of Columbus Sunday breakfast and meat raffles are back! The first breakfast is slated for Sunday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. The breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, bacon, ham, eggs, home fries, rolls, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$8 per adult, \$4 per child age six through 12, and free for children under six. (Take-out orders are available from 8:30 a.m. Call 519-862 1213, ext. 28.) Future breakfasts will be held on the following dates: Oct. 30; Dec. 4; Jan. 15; Feb. 12; March 19; and April 23.

## Toastmasters Club Open House slated

The Area 74 Sarnia Lambton Toastmasters Club meeting will be open to the public during Open House Week, Oct. 3 to Oct. 6. Locations in Sarnia and Petrolia will meet at various times, so go online to [area74director@toastmasters86.org](mailto:area74director@toastmasters86.org) for more information.

## Brigden Fair livestock auction

On Monday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m., the Brigden Fair will host a livestock auction in the Coliseum. Live cattle and sheep will be sold as well as Lambton County pork packages. All proceeds will go to the 4H-sponsored clubs under the Youth Fair Association at Brigden Fair. Everyone is welcome to participate in this auction.

## Euchre series set for Sombra

Euchre will be played at the Sombra Community Hall on Fridays at 1 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25. Everyone is welcome.

## Lambton Fall Colour and Craft Festival

The Lambton Fall Colour and Craft Festival is slated for Oct. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at two locations: the Lambton Heritage Museum on Highway 21 south of Grand Bend and the Legacy Recreation Centre in Thedford. For more information, call 519-243-2600, 1-800-265-0316, or online at: [www.lambtonmuseums.ca](http://www.lambtonmuseums.ca)

## Brigden fairgrounds hosts events

The Brigden fairgrounds will be the site of several great events and activities this fall and through the winter. They include: **Oct. 15 - Brigden Demolition Derby** (For details go online to: [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca)); **Saturday, Oct. 22 - Storage** for boats, trailers, and motor homes begins (Call 519-864-1197 for information); **\*Sunday, Nov. 20 - CKNX Barn Dance** (see page 14); **\*Sunday, Nov. 13 - Country Jamboree**; **\*Sunday, Dec. 11 - Country Christmas Jamboree**. Jamborees will continue on the second Sunday of each month until April 9. Doors open at noon and the music begins at 1 p.m. A cash bar will be available and supper tickets will be available at the door. Singers, dancers, and toe-tappers are all welcome to come and enjoy the afternoon.

The 2016 Brigden Fair Harvest the Gold 50/50 Raffle tickets and Homecraft Quilt tickets are on sale at the Brigden Fair office and at events held at the fairgrounds. Proceeds go to Agricultural/Education features. The draw will be on Monday, Oct. 10 at the fair.

## Mayflower Rebekahs to host bingo

The Mayflower Rebekah Lodge will host bingo on Saturday, Oct. 15 at All Saints Church in Corunna at the corner of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. There will be no cash prizes but prizes will be awarded. Proceeds will be used to help meet the needs of the community. Players must be 18 or over and refreshments will be available.

## Creative Workshops continue at Moore Museum

The Moore Museum's Creative Workshops series continues on Sunday, Oct. 16 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. with Introduction to Crochet. Pre-registration is required and places are limited. Further details and costs will be available soon on the museum's website: [www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca) You can also call 519-867-2020.

## Brigden United Church Anniversary

Brigden United Church anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday Oct. 16th at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Bruce Cook and special music will be featured.

## Knox Moore Church 135th anniversary event

The 135th anniversary of Knox Moore Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. Rev. Ian Marnoch will conduct the service, with special music provided by Hannah Marnoch. The service will be followed by apple and pumpkin pie, and everyone is welcome to attend and join the congregation in celebrating 135 years of Christian worship and witness in this community on Rokeby Line.

## Anniversary/open house at Community of Christ

The congregation of Community of Christ at 2390 LaSalle Road will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church on Oct. 16. The anniversary service at 2 p.m. will be followed by a reception and open house. If you were in the church's boys' or girls' programs (Scouts, Cubs, Skylarks or Orioles), or you attended school at SS #13 Moore in what is now the church chapel, or if you have attended services, dinners, cantatas or even a wedding or funeral at the church, you are welcome to join this jubilee celebration.

## Wellness seminar slated for Sombra

The global interest in wellness will be the subject of *Vibrant Living 2016 Continues*, a seminar slated for the Sombra Community Centre, 152 Smith Street, on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The featured guest speaker will be Dr. John Shewfelt from Barrie. The event will include door prizes and registration is not necessary but would be welcomed, and donations will be appreciated. For more information or to register, call Rita at 519-892-3378 or email: [ritavandertil@bell.net](mailto:ritavandertil@bell.net)

## Corunna Legion to host Pickerel Fry and Dance

Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host a pickerel fry

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## Contact The Beacon to spread the word

If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or if the event will benefit the residents of the township, promote it free of charge in The Beacon. **Deadline for The Beacon, February through December, is every third Monday of each month. THE EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 2017 ISSUE will be Monday, Dec. 11 by noon.**

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